

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB

TRUMPIT



March 2026

Hi Everyone,

Firstly, I would like to thank all the present Committee for all their hard work and commitment to our Club. Also, to all the "backroom members", as our gardens are looking beautiful, the cards are sorted each week, the banking is done, the kitchen cupboards are filled. The points are recorded. The Directors and Convenors who make sure we can come and enjoy our wonderful game of bridge each day. So, a big thank you to you all who contribute to the running of our club. Should you feel like helping in any small way please contact the Secretary

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 15th March 2025 commencing at 10:30 am. No proxy voting will be allowed for the elections. After the meeting there will be a sandwich lunch and a free game.

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Our Condolences to the families of

Neil Niemand

Barbara Richards

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's nearly time again for the Annual General Meeting, where the present management committee come to the end of their time in office and a replacement committee is elected. It's the end of my third year as president, so I'm not permitted to nominate again. It's also the time when members of the committee report on events and activities that have taken place during the last 12 months. This year the AGM will be held on Sunday 15th starting at 10:30am. It will be followed by a light lunch and a free bridge day for those who wish to stay and play. I encourage all members to come to the AGM. This is your club, and you should have a say in how it is to be run. Nominations for the committee positions closed on Wednesday 19th of February. It appears that we have just enough people nominated to fill all positions, so no voting is going to be required.

This club couldn't operate without the major contributions from volunteers who complete all of the tasks that are necessary for smooth functioning. I would like to thank all of the people who are so generous with their time and skills. The number of boards that are played every week is huge since we have at least six ordinary sessions as well as major events and congresses. All of these are redealt by a small, dedicated group. We also have people who take care of banking the table money, who look after assigning Master Points and calculate ecclectics, who look after morning tea supplies, memberships, and name badges, and who manage the libraries. This monthly newsletter is a big undertaking. Robina has been producing it for some years, and that role has now been taken over by Glynis. Our directors give their time and expertise. You all know who you are, so please accept thanks from me and all the club members.

The annual Presidents Pairs event was held on two Wednesdays last month. We had a field of 22 pairs, so we were able to have a Swiss movement competition with seven matches of 8 boards. The director for this year was Tim Freeman from the Birkdale club. Congratulations to the

winner Moira Cunningham and Ewa Kowalczyk. A full report will be later in the Trumpit.

We are in the process of setting up the Club Championship Teams event, which will be run on two Fridays this month. At the time of writing we have only a few pairs nominated. More will always be better. If we have an even number to balance the draw we can run another Swiss movement, otherwise we'll have to use a Whist movement. We are looking to have a non-playing director again, but very few are available and willing to come for two half-day sessions. If no-one else is available, I'll have to be a playing director, even though this is less than ideal from a number of standpoints.

Supervised play has come to the end of this run. We were getting 2 or 3 tables of people at these sessions. Beginning players are welcome to come and refresh their skills. I have a number of assistants in this task, and their help is greatly appreciated. The next set of lessons will start on the 4th of March. If you have any family or friends who might like to learn, then ask them to get in touch.

The annual Gold Coast Congress was run as a sort of on-line fill-in competition last month. There are plans for a replacement Congress to take place in Brisbane next year. We all look forward to having another big congress with gold points and lots of competitors. It's a shame the GC convention centre couldn't cooperate with the QBA again. I'm sure the catering businesses and accommodation venues are disappointed and significantly out of pocket as a result.

Nigel Cleminson – Club President

Catering Convenor Avra Bowler

A BIG THANK YOU! to all the people who helped make the last Congress a success, either by providing delicious food or by helping in the kitchen on the day. The food was amazing and seems to be provided by the same reliable core of contributors. Help in the kitchen for the afternoon became dire. As, "*many hands make light work*", is a true saying and it's EVERY MEMBERS club. I hope to see some more new faces next time, joining in the fun behind the scenes

ON THIS MONTH

Club Championships – Red points.

Friday 6 and Friday 13 March

AGM, Sunday 15th March – 10.30am

REDLANDS UNDER 500 TEAMS RESULTS- (15/2/2026)



1ST Place: Team Edwards



2nd Place: Team Chippindall

3rd Place: Team Sauer

4th Place: Well done to our members, Sue O'Mahony, Roy Martin, Robyn Green and Jane Whelan

President Pairs: Red Points

1st Place: Moira Cunningham / Ewa Kowalczyk

2nd Place: Barbara Mackay, Leigh Dominikovich

3rd Place: Barry & Agnes Kempthorne

Well done, to all the 22 teams participating.





BRIDGE Notes: Especially for New Players

So, you're fresh out of Supervised Play; maybe if you're feeling bold fresh out of lessons. What next? If you have a partner (either from classes or supervised play) pick a session or sessions of regular club play and give it a go. If you rock up on any Tuesday. The director on the day will find you a partner who is happy to play with a new player! Believe me, regular club play sounds way scarier than it is. In most regular club sessions, there is a real mix of abilities and styles. As players improve, they do not necessarily make fewer mistakes, just more sophisticated ones!

How do you start? First, you and your partner should review your convention cards and make sure you agree on all the basic conventions listed. That is most important.

Second, if your opponents have a convention card on the table, look at it and ask questions about anything you don't understand. You are absolutely entitled to do this and if no card is on the table ask to see one. Finally, pay careful attention to the bidding. If there are alerts, when it is your bid you may ask the meaning of any alerted call before making your bid. This is normal practice in bridge clubs. It is also how you will continue to learn and become a better player.

After play begins try to remember what you have been taught about things like opening leads. (Hint: if you are on lead and partner has bid a suit, lead it!!! Failing to do so can make partner a little cranky!) Don't rush ... watch the leads made and the tricks taken. This is very important information. As you gain experience you will be able to keep count on suits you are leading and eventually remember the cards outstanding. For now, watch carefully. Don't worry if things don't go as well as you hoped Believe me that is true of at least half of the partnerships on any given day. Treat every hand as a learning experience and you will be on your way to gaining your first masterpoint.

The most terrifying moment: My partner has used a convention and (shock/horror) I don't remember the proper response. One, it happens to ALL of us. I've been playing with my partner for more than ten years and it happens. When he looks like a "deer in the headlights" I know. What to do: Rule 1: Don't pass, ever. Rule 2: if you have an agreed suit, bid it at the lowest level possible. Rule 3: in desperation with no agreed suit, bid the next suit higher at the same level. Chances are your partner will know what has happened and bid accordingly. Final Hint: You may find this hard to believe, but it is easier to play against experienced players than beginners! Why, simply

because once you gain a basic understanding of the rules of the game and the usual conventions the bidding and play of most experienced players makes sense. This is not necessarily true of beginners!!!



FEBRUARY PROMOTIONS

Gill Homan

Local

Michael Gibbon

Silver National

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lynne Blighton

Rosie Gillard

John Golder

Joy Welsford



AND WE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE A LONG AND ENJOYABLE ASSOCIATION WITH THE CLUB

Bits and Pieces

New lessons are planned to commence **4th March 2026.**

If you know of anyone who may be interested in learning to play bridge, please ask them to phone or text Nigel Cleminson on 0419 642 498. Alternatively, they can email the club: redlandsbridgeclub@bigpond.com.

Name Badges

If you like me and have trouble remembering names it would be a good idea to wear your name badge, at the Club. We often meet members from other playing days and it nice to use their name when speaking to them. Should you need a name badge, please contact Ben Whitehouse, 0407 929 492

Dear Fellow Bridge Club Members,

Sorry, this is late arriving, but it does not mean I have not been thinking of you or the club over the past month.

So many members, with their phone calls, cards, visits, and attendance at Keith Celebration of Life have made the remembering and farewelling Keith, a beautiful tribute to the man we know he was. You have shown caring for me and a love and respect of Keith that I am truly grateful for and will never forget. There are so many to thank that I hope you all will accept this general letter as a thank you. Over the next couple of months, I will hopefully get to give many of you a personal thanks and hug as well.

I have always felt the club was more than just a place to play bridge, it is the place of friends.

That spirit was truly evident to me during this difficult time. Club members have shown that Keith was first and foremost a friend who played bridge.

Thank you RCBC members.

Anne Ormerod



QUIZ Time

Can you figure out which part of the human body that each clue below represents: Be careful, many of the answers are phonetic or trick spelling

1. Tugboats do it
2. Miniature general
3. Joins wood together
4. Loser to the TortoiseTwo students
5. Prepare for War
6. A number of negatives
7. A part of a river
8. A part of a river

Bridge for players with under 50mps

When:

Friday afternoons – 1.45 – 2.00pm start

About two hours followed with discussion of challenging hands from the session.

Green Master points are awarded

Where:

Using your home computer/laptop/tablet/iPad

Cost:

Free

Interested?

Register with Anne giving your:

Name

ABF number

Phone number

Contact:

Anne Russell 0411 255 434

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RealBridge is an online website where all players can see and talk with each other as if sitting at the bridge table.

Currently, Kenmore Bridge Club offers RealBridge session (about two hours with 18 – 21 hands played)

We would love you to join us.

It is easy to play as long as you have a camera and microphone attached to your computer.

If you have not played ReadBridge previously, please look at this link:

<https://realbridge.online/player-guide-quick-start-for-new-players.html>

Also, do the camera and microphone test before the first time you play.

You can try RealBridge by contacting Anne to arrange a suitable time for a “Taster” and experience how it works.

1. Toe	4. Hair
2. Thumb	3. Nails
6. Arm	7. Nose
5. Pupils	8. Mouth

Answers to Quiz

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB WELLNESS SURVEY

Please complete the following survey and drop into the box at the entry. If you wish to discuss anything of concern with a committee member, please add your name at the bottom of the page.

Are you HOME member _____ AWAY member _____ M/F _____

1. How long have you been a member? _____
2. How many days, on average, do you play per month? _____
3. Do the bridge sessions time suit you? If not, what would you prefer.

4. Do you play in Club Competitions? _____ Congresses? _____
5. Do you attend the club's current social events when possible? _____
6. Do you use the club website? _____
7. Do you use the ABF Website? _____ If, no, please give main reason. _____
8. Do you read and enjoy the Newsletter? Is there anything extra you would like included in the Newsletter?

9. What aspects of the club are most important to you?

10. Are there any club improvements you would like to suggest?

11. Does your health or age limit your attendance to play or social events? If so, can the Club facilitate you in any way? Add suggestions here:

12. Are there any current Management Committee decisions with which you disagree? If so, please explain below.

Name: (optional) _____